



FRESNO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DIVISION

JUVENILE DRUG COURT

WHAT IS JUVENILE DRUG COURT?

The Fresno County Superior Court Juvenile Drug Court is a court supervised comprehensive treatment program for adolescents who exhibit delinquent behavior as a result of drug use. In this court, officials relax their traditional adversarial roles to work as a "treatment team". With a judge as the team leader, probation officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys and treatment professionals work together to develop a plan that is in the best interests of the juvenile and the community.

WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM INVOLVE?

Once admitted into the Drug Court, the juvenile must make regular appearances for a period of 12 months. Treatment includes: counseling, drug testing, probation supervision,

accountability oriented sanctions, participation in self help groups and compliance with all conditions as ordered by the court.

HOW IS THE DRUG COURT STRUCTURED?

There are four phases to the Juvenile Drug Court Program:

Phase 1

- Treatment and recovery
- Seriousness of offense
- Accountability

Phase 2

- Maintenance of treatment
- Responsibility to others
- Accountability

Phase 3

- Maintenance of treatment
- Independent living skills
- Accountability

Phase 4

- Aftercare
- Maintenance of recovery
- Graduation

HOW DOES A JUVENILE QUALIFY FOR THE DRUG COURT?

Juveniles must meet the following criteria:

- Have a history of drug /alcohol use
- Committed an offense pursuant to W & I §602
- No dangerous anti-social behavior
- Must be between 14 and 17 years old
- A resident of Fresno County

(The Court team will make the final determination regarding the eligibility for this program)

HOW DID THIS PROGRAM GET STARTED?

The Juvenile Drug Court was implemented as a result of a group of dedicated people working together to improve the life of youth in the community. Agency participants include:

- Juvenile Court
- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Juvenile Probation
- School
- Fresno County Human Services System
- WestCare California

QUESTIONS?

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We couldn't have gotten here without the program. I have my son back...

A Parent

My parents never came to any of this, you guys were here for me better than my family, you are my family...

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If it wasn't for Drug Court, I would probably still be using and in the streets not worrying about my responsibilities...

Angel, age 17

"A partnership for drug free youth in our community"

JUVENILE DRUG COURT MISSION STATEMENT:

The Fresno County Juvenile Drug Court is a multi-disciplinary partnership that is dedicated to providing support, treatment and guidance to assist juveniles in leading a drug-free life.

Our goal is returning youth to a drug free life.